

April 7, 1971

Dear Harold (cc: JNS, GRS),

Thanks for your mailings of 3/29 and 4/2. I'm forwarding several of the items to GRS, as requested.

Comments on your correspondence with Kleindienst: Your 3/22 complains about a nearly-four-month delay; I would be interested in any answer. My requests of December 9 are unanswered, and there has been no response to my reminder of March 8. I think it is time for me to file one more request (for everything the FBI had pre-11/22 - the Commission almost made this proper request but didn't, after the letter had been drafted!) and then prepare to go to court.

I would appreciate copies of the letters from Kleindienst to which yours of 3/23 and 3/18 respond. I think you are onto something important in your 3/23.

Some random remarks related to that:

(A) Both Martin and Doyle say their films were edited before being returned. Did they volunteer this information? How common is this allegation for other assassination-related films? I'm suggesting that you are right in hinting that something specific - e.g., an FBI man on the scene - was deleted.

(B) In this connection, I remind you that one of the incidents - the later one, I believe, - is reported in the DeB report but not the Kaack one, and in such a form as to indicate an FBI man on the scene - that is, no source is given. (I wrote this up some time ago.)

(C) Quiroga says he told the FBI about LHO at the ITM, but they weren't interested.

(D) The JD is telling me funny things about the NO FBI FPCC file - that it wouldn't add much (anything) to what is known, but that disclosure would have possible detrimental effect to the administration of federal law. Among other reasons, this kind of response is consistent with the file having in it a photo of LHO, taken by the FBI at the demonstration. (Also, that they had intercepted LHO's letter to the FPCC in October - see below, my notes on the new CD's,)

(E) I suggest you ~~ask~~ ask specifically if the NO FBI office has any files ~~with~~ compiled pre-11/22 with a photo of LHO.

(F) Ask the Army for the Powell photo(s) and memos. If you send them your correspondence with the JD on this matter they might resent ~~having~~ having the buck passed to them and respond properly.

Re Nichols: I did not ~~intend~~ intend to encourage him in his suit. I agree that Wecht would be the best man to see the stuff. I assume he needs no encouragement to ask for access as of this fall.

Your 3/29: I now understand your point the the Anderson column in the Post may have been heavily edited. As it appears in the paper here, it is always edited down to about 12 column-inches, so I can't be of any help. No word from Anderson, by the way - not even a requested acknowledgement that he received ~~me~~ what I sent.

Don Olson's paper: I haven't seen it either. He is busy with physics.

The Xerox copies of PM and PM III are being made. (It will take a week or two.) The \$50 will just about cover 11 copies.

My March ~~will~~ clipping list is enclosed (GRS, JNS also).

You have my letter of 3/24 to the Post. Bagdikian replied, with thanks.

Quoting: "We are interested in what you have to say and in its larger implications. We plan to do some additional stories in this general area. If you have additional examples, I would very much appreciate receiving them." My reply to him is enclosed (HW, JNS).

I'm surprised that Boggs has taken on Hoover; any chance we could turn him on?

The CD's came today; I don't have time but couldn't resist a 2 hr. 50 min. rush through them. Lots of: junk, Mexico stuff, poor copies. Of special interest: Pre-11/22 items at 7.531, 7.328 (maybe), 28.2-3 and 75.672 (very important - FBI got Lee Exh. 4 from NY source in FPCC in Oct. 1963- apparently did nothing about it! A separate memo will follow on this.), CD 246, 294, 1085 (incl. McChann!). Also stuff on the mystery photo, CE 237: CD 566, 674. Odio. Ruby's sex habits - 86.231, 312 (how delicate is the FBI!). Gary, Jim: you can ask me for copies of (or comments, such as 'forget it', about) specific pages, if you like, or wait for me to send you memos.

Sincerely, *Paul*